



Arlington Council on Aging

Minutes

Date: Thursday April 18, 2024 Time: 6:00 pm

Location: This meeting was conducted in a hybrid format (5 in person, 4 on zoom)

Present: Kristine Shah, Nancy Feeney, Sherry Graham, Mary Hung, Anne Brown, Bob Tosi Jr., Karen Nichols. Community Members Present: Margaret I., Marie R.

The Council's primary responsibilities are to design, promote, and implement programs and services to address the needs of the community's elder population, and to coordinate existing services in the community.

1. Call to Order- Nancy Feeney agreed to chair the meeting due to Michael Quinn's expected absence. Meeting was called to order at 6:07pm.
2. Minutes of the March 2024 meeting for approval – tabled until May meeting due to quorum.
3. Citizen's Open Forum- no reports or comments
4. Report: Executive Director- Kristine Shah provided the below report.
 - a. Elevator Project- Update & Timeline was shared. 6 week project began April 16. Accommodations have been provided and additional volunteers are on site to assist in operating the lift between ground and first floors during this time.
 - b. Programs/Activities Update:
 - i. SCAMS Talk with APD/Watertown Savings Bank, ACMI educational program/show taping, Comfort Care at End of Life, Older American's Month
 - ii. CDBG Week Event and Van Tour
 - iii. AARP Program Completed
 - iv. Summer Tech Help Intern will return May – August; Social Work Intern conducted Feedback Surveys through April
 - c. Current Financial Needs of Residents
 - i. What Social Workers are Seeing Currently, Funds Currently Available to Assist
 - d. Grants
 - i. Waiting to hear regarding CDBG grant applications for FY25
 - ii. Waiting to hear regarding MassDOT Grant for New Electric Van
 - iii. Applying for Grants to: fix or replace broken ping pong tables, fix pool tables

- e. Board Member Recruitment Update
 - i. New Board Member Appointed: Melissa McInerney will be here in May
 - ii. Received applications from additional 4 candidates (5 slots open as of June 30)
 - iii. Chair for May & June Meetings Needed- please e-mail Kristine if you can help

f. *Reminder! Volunteer Appreciation Brunch, Thursday April 25 @ 10am*

- 5. Report: Chair - no report
- 6. Report: Minuteman Senior Services – Bob Tosi Jr. shared information about the annual virtual MMSS Walk fundraiser. Kristine will e-mail board members a flyer for it.
- 7. Old Business – Karen Nichols reported out on Chamber of Commerce Wellness Fair that took place on April 6. Karen reports that the event was a success and many people visited the COA table to receive information. Thank you to all board members who volunteered for a shift at the COA table.
- 8. New Business
- 9. Other Community Announcements- Kristine provided flyers regarding Community Connections Fair on April 28 and Dementia Friendly Talk on April 30. Flyers will be e-mailed to all board members as well.
- 10. Adjourn – Sherry G. motioned, Mary Hung seconded. Adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Next meeting: May 16, 2024.